

Response to FCC solicited comments regarding: RM-10806
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The petitioner of RM-10806, Frank W. Napurano, expresses the consensus of many amateurs who are individuals without large group backing or hardcore agendas to eliminate the Morse code requirement from the amateur service. These are the members of the amateur radio service who prefer to keep CW yet also realize we must find a way for all to coexist. The petitioner of RM-10806 outlines the attributes of CW, a “human based” skill, and petitions a plan to coexist with those who view CW as a roadblock to the progress of technology. There seems to be little room on the no-code side of the argument to appreciate the skill required for this mode. Yet the many amateur radio operators who are proficient in the use of CW would tell them that it is a pleasure to operate and a feeling of great accomplishment. Unfortunately this is an experience that can only be fully appreciated by the “doing” not by observing, nor is the medium of CW communications one of those skills that can be fully appreciated while still learning the skill. There must be drive and commitment, as is necessary for anything worth achieving, and a structure that supports it. The FCC could best serve the amateur radio service as this structure by adopting a licensing methodology such as that proposed by this petitioner.

I am in favor of an amateur radio service that provides a favorable structure for both no-code and CW enthusiasts to coexist and reasonable incentive for those who choose to learn and utilize CW as a viable communications mode.